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FOR APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER 10/768,546

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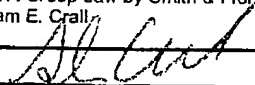
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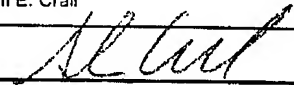
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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/768,534
	Filing Date	January 30, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Cathy Johnson
	Art Unit	3617
	Examiner Name	Jesus D. Sotelo
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**For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 225.00)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/768,546
Filing Date	January 30, 2004
First Named Inventor	Cathy Johnson
Examiner Name	Jesus D. Sotelo
Art Unit	3617
Attorney Docket No.	10004.1010

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____						
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20						
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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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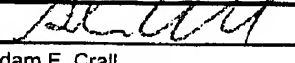
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Fee for Two-Month Extension

Fees Paid (\$)

\$225.00

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Serial No.: 10/768,546

Examiner: Jesus D. Sotelo

Filed: 01/30/2004

Docket No. 551001.1010 (prior)  
10004.1010 (current)

For: Storage Devices for Boats

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed August 31, 2004 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Petition for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two (2) months, extending the time for responding to the non-final Office Action mailed August 31, 2004 to January 31, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time and a credit card payment of \$225.00 for the small entity statutory fee for the two-month extension of time.

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**Appointment of Power of Attorney & Change of Address**

Applicants submit herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address, requesting that the correspondence address for the present application be changed to:

**LAVA Group Law by Smith & Frohwein  
P.O. Box 88148  
Atlanta, Georgia 30356**

Applicants also respectfully request that the Attorney Docket No. for the present application be changed to:

**10004.1010**